

# Women’s Philanthropy Institute Timeline

Eileen Lamb O’Gara Chair in women’s philanthropy announced

WPI/CASE conference (Indianapolis)  
Women & Philanthropy 3.0: The Power of Women’s Philanthropy to Increase Giving  
**Kathleen Loehr**, Chair

*Women Give 2013* (raising charitable children)

*Women Give 2012* report (age/generation and giving)

WPI/CASE conference (Washington, DC), Optimizing Your Donor Base: The Power of Women’s Philanthropy Programs  
**Kathleen Loehr, Michele Minter**

ISTR (Italy) and ARNOVA panels on issues in women’s philanthropy

Third symposium, *Women Worldwide Leading through Philanthropy* (Chicago)  
**Elizabeth Gore, Paula Roberts** speak at symposium

Third WPI Council meeting in Indianapolis  
**Patricia Annino joins Council**

New York Times Knowledge Network online course *Women & Philanthropy: The Time is Now* **Michele Minter, Ellen Remmer, Marcela Rovzar, Lisa Witter, Jacki Zehner** participate

WPI/CASE conference (Chicago) *Upholding Our Half: Making the Case for Women’s Philanthropy*  
**Patricia Annino, Trish Jackson, Michele Minter, Lisa Witter** present

*Women’s Giving Circles: Reflections from the Founders* by Sondra Shaw-Hardy published on the website

WPI goes global; **Debra Mesch** speaks in Israel and Mexico

First WPI Council formed (**Kim Davis, Edith Falk, Trish Jackson, Kathleen Loehr, Michele Minter, Ellen Remmer, Marcela Rovzar, Melanie Sabelhaus, Elizabeth Somerset, Becky Sykes, Lisa Witter**)

First meeting of WPI Council in Indianapolis

**Debra Mesch** joins WPI as Director

First Shaw-Hardy Taylor Achievement award presented to Sondra Shaw-Hardy and Martha Taylor at symposium

*The Transformative Power of Women’s Philanthropy* published  
**Ellen Remmer** and **Michele Minter** write chapters for edited volume

WPI moves to Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University

Women’s Philanthropy Institute evolved from National Network on Women as Philanthropists and incorporated as a free-standing 501(c)3

Two-day conference on women and philanthropy convened at Wingspread, Racine, WI

Sondra Shaw and Martha Taylor begin interviews, focus groups, and discussions about women and philanthropy

2013

**SHEMAKESCHANGE** offered as one-credit online academic course for IU students

Fifth WPI Council meeting in Toronto  
**Jennifer Davis, Claudine Donikian, Yvonne Hunt, Mary Pang, Jacki Zehner** join Council

ARNOVA panel on issues on women’s philanthropy

2012

**SHEMAKESCHANGE** offered as online conference **Patricia Annino**

WPI Doctoral Dissertation awarded to Brent Pieper

Fourth WPI Council meeting in Boston  
**Margaret Cannella, Elizabeth Gore, Paula Roberts** join Council

WPI goes global; **Debra Mesch** speaks in China

2011

Second Shaw-Hardy Taylor Achievement award to Barbara Dobkin

ARNOVA panel on issues in women’s philanthropy

2010

First *Women Give* report (income, marital status, and causes women support)

Second WPI Council meeting in NYC

Shaw-Hardy/Taylor book, *Women & Philanthropy: Boldly Shaping a Better World*, published

ISTR (Turkey) and ARNOVA panels on issues in women’s philanthropy

WPI Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship awarded to Laura Gee

2009

WPI Research Committee meets in Indianapolis

ARNOVA panel on issues in women’s philanthropy

First WPI Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship awarded to Deborah Skolnick Einhorn

2008

**Lisa Witter, Kathleen Loehr, Michele Minter**, and **Kim Davis** speak at second symposium, *Moving Women’s Philanthropy Forward: Influences, Intent, Impact*

2007

WPI/CASE joint conference (*Re*)*Defining Philanthropy: Rich Conversations*; **Trish Jackson** co-chairs program committee; reception at **Ellen Remmer’s** home

2006

2005

Andrea Pactor joins COP staff to manage first symposium on women’s philanthropy: *Women & Philanthropy: Gaining Momentum*; **Ellen Remmer** presents session at symposium

2004

2002

WPI organizes national conference on women and philanthropy (Dallas)

1997

1995

Sondra Shaw and Martha Taylor publish *Reinventing Fundraising*

1992

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Women’s Council of the Bascom Hill Society, National Network on Women and Philanthropists, and Center for Women and Philanthropy started at University of Wisconsin, Madison